



Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 09877.0189-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Giacomo Stefano Roba <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Application No.: 09/986,622)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION)	Confirmation No.: 5933
FURNACE FOR DRAWING)	
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS)	
TO OPTICAL FIBRES)	

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, prosecution having been continued by a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith and the period for response having been extended to April 20, 2007 by a petition for two-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.